AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows:

STORAGE BATTERY DEVICE

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

Cross-Reference to Prior Application

This is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/016645 filed December 24, 2003, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-375453 filed December 25, 2002 which is incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on July 15, 2004 as WO 2004/059760 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).